What is a portal?

* + It is not just a website
		- “…*it is a web system that provides the functions and features to authenticate and identify the users and provide them with an easy, intuitive, personalized and user-customizable web-interface for facilitating access to information and services that are of primary relevance and interests to the users.”*

**ComCo Portal Terminology**

* + - ***Instance***: each community (Nashville, Rockford, CVEP, etc.)
		- ***Site***: the committee (Elementary Committee, Operating Board)
		- ***Portlet***:  [pluggable](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pluggable_look_and_feel) [user interface](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/User_interface) [software components](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Software_component) that are managed and displayed in a [web portal](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Web_portal).
		- ***Organization***: Users typically belong to an organization (business, civic, govt, etc.)
		- ***User***: registered and committee member (anyone who wants to access information on the portal. “Roles” dictate the level of information a user is allowed to access)
		- ***Role***: a set of permissions given to a user given their role on the committee
		- ***Dynamic Data Lists***: Customized data collection forms (i.e. ITP response forms)
		- ***Social Collaboration***:
			* Wikis (minutes, etc.)
			* Creating content
				+ Documents and Media
				+ Asset Publisher
		- ***Tasks***: can be actual tasks or an agenda item
		- ***Workflow***: for items that require an approval process (minutes, tactical plans)
	+ Two sides to the portal
		- Public: use as a website with dynamic content management
		- Private: where the boards and committees (sites) work happens